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Letter dated 20 January 1997 from the representatives of Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit the text of the Treaty of Eternal Friendship between the Republic of Kazakstan, the Republic of Kyrgyzstan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, signed by the Heads of those States in Bishkek on 10 January 1997 (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 10, 41, 87, 94, 95, 96, 97, 102, 110 and 151.

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ANNEX

Treaty of Eternal Friendship between the Republic of Kazakstan, the Republic of Kyrgyzstan and the Republic of Uzbekistan

The Republic of Kazakstan, the Republic of Kyrgyzstan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, hereinafter referred to as the High Contracting Parties,

On the basis of the strong ties between the three States formed over the course of history,

Considering that the strengthening of friendly relations, good-neighbourliness, cooperation and mutual assistance among the High Contracting Parties is in the vital interests of their peoples and serves the cause of peace and security,

Confirming their adherence to the norms of international law, above all the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Helsinki Final Act and other documents adopted within the framework of OSCE,

Aware of their responsibility for political stability and international harmony in the region, which are the foundation for the economic development and spiritual revival of their peoples,

Considering it necessary to intensify the economic cooperation among the three countries within the framework of a unified economic space, to establish conditions conducive to its further development and to institute direct links between economic agents, regardless of their form of ownership,

With a view to further strengthening relations of eternal friendship among the three States based on the closeness of their history, culture, language and traditions,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Republic of Kazakstan, the Republic of Kyrgyzstan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, as fraternal and friendly States, shall build their relations on a basis of broad cooperation and mutual trust.

The High Contracting Parties shall develop relations on the basis of respect for their independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity and the inviolability of State borders, and of the principles of non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality of rights and mutual advantage.

Article 2

The High Contracting Parties shall develop cooperation by extending all round support in the first place in preventing threats to their independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and pursuit of an independent policy.

Article 3

The High Contracting Parties undertake not to permit the use of their territory for purposes of armed aggression or hostile action against the other High Contracting Parties.

In the event of a situation arising which in the view of one of the High Contracting Parties constitutes a threat of armed attack by other States, the High Contracting Parties shall immediately conduct the necessary consultations with one another both on a trilateral basis and within international organizations of which they are members with a view to the adoption of measures to facilitate the peaceful resolution of the situation and also to ensuring their joint defence.

Article 4

For purposes of ensuring the steady development of trilateral relations and the exchange of views on international problems of the region, the High Contracting Parties shall conduct mutual consultations at various levels.

In the course of the consultations, the High Contracting Parties shall harmonize their positions on regional and worldwide issues affecting the common interests of the High Contracting Parties when they are discussed in international organizations of which the Parties are members.

Article 5

The High Contracting Parties shall cooperate for the purpose of making full use of the potential of the United Nations. To this end, the High Contracting Parties shall make every effort to strengthen the role of the United Nations in the maintenance of peace and international security and in other spheres.

Article 6

The High Contracting Parties attach importance to the establishment under United Nations auspices of a Central Asian battalion of peacekeeping forces intended to operate in line with the principles of activity of the United Nations peacekeeping forces, and shall take all necessary steps to ensure the activity of the battalion.

Article 7

The High Contracting Parties, convinced that the strengthening of regional cooperation promotes the prosperity and security of the countries of the region, shall cooperate in the expanding regional cooperation in Central Asia.

The High Contracting Parties are in agreement on the need to institute regional cooperation without any coercion, including political, economic and financial coercion.

Article 8

The relevant authorities of the High Contracting Parties shall cooperate with one another in such a way as not in any manner to impair relations of friendship and cooperation between the three States and, in the event of disputes arising, resolve them in a spirit of trust and mutual understanding by establishing conciliation commissions at the government level, should the need arise.

Article 9

The High Contracting Parties shall develop economic and trade relations and links in the fields of culture, science and technology on a broad basis and taking long-term prospects into account.

To this end, the High Contracting Parties shall create the necessary legal, economic, financial and trade conditions for a gradual transition to broad and effective movement of goods, services and capital among the countries.

The High Contracting Parties shall strengthen cooperation in the fields of industry, agriculture, transport, tourism, sport, health care, communications and telecommunications, energy supply and conservation of the environment.

Article 10

The High Contracting Parties shall afford their nationals migrating to one of the High Contracting Parties to take up permanent residence the right freely to dispose of their property, including means of production in accordance with the national legislation of the Parties.

Article 11

The High Contracting Parties shall cooperate in the development of transportation and the transit of goods and services on favourable and mutually advantageous terms.

The High Contracting Parties confirm the need to utilize their economic potential for the establishment of a Central Asian main rail line and highways, and also to develop cooperation in the field of transit shipments.

Article 12

The High Contracting Parties shall promote contacts between the cultural and educational institutions of the three countries, and also the exchange of experts. Each of the High Contracting Parties shall ensure broad access by its citizens to study of the language and culture and to the art, literature and press of the other High Contracting Parties.

Article 13

The High Contracting Parties attach priority to ensuring environmental security, acting in accordance with bilateral and multilateral agreements in that field.

The High Contracting Parties shall take the necessary steps to prevent pollution of the environment and ensure rational resource utilization. They shall promote the development and implementation of joint specialized nature conservation programmes and projects.

Each of the High Contracting Parties shall render emergency assistance to the other Parties in the event of environmental disasters and natural phenomena that present a threat to the vital activities of the population.

The High Contracting Parties shall seek to restore the equilibrium of disrupted ecosystems in the region, above all of the Amu Darya and Syr Darya river basins and the Aral Sea.

Article 14

The High Contracting Parties shall promote the extension of contacts between the Parliaments of the three countries.

Article 15

Each of the High Contracting Parties guarantees to nationals of the other Parties resident in its territory, regardless of their ethnic affiliation, religion or other differences, social, economic and cultural rights and freedoms in accordance with universally accepted international human rights standards.

Article 16

The High Contracting Parties shall cooperate in combating international terrorism, organized crime, illegal trafficking in narcotic substances,

smuggling of weapons and items of cultural and artistic value, crimes in the transportation field and other types of crimes.

Article 17

The present Treaty is not directed against other States and in no way affects any of the rights and obligations stemming from existing bilateral and multilateral agreements of the High Contracting Parties with other States.

Article 18

In accordance with article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, the present Treaty shall be registered with the United Nations Secretariat.

Article 19

The present Treaty is subject to ratification, and shall enter into force on the day of the exchange of instruments of ratification by the High Contracting Parties.

DONE at Bishkek on 10 January 1997 in three copies, each in the Kazak, Kyrgyz, Uzbek and Russian languages, all texts being equally authentic.

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